

Agenda
INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION MEETING

June 19, 2014 9am (IVFA Convention)

Indy Water Park
Caribbean Cove Indoor Water Park
3850 DePauw Blvd
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A Meeting called to order, determination of quorum at 9am

Present

Greg Wyant
Burke Jones
Tom Hanify
Rob Lund
John "Bull" Smith
Eric Gentry
Chris Johnson
Joe Romero

Absent

James Greeson
Eric Dreiman

Chairman Wyant moved John Buckman's report due to conflicting schedules for Chief Buckman. John's report will be posted at the end of the agenda.

Jeff Hayes spoke about students dropping out after they have signed up. This is causing a huge expense to the state because we ship 26 tests and only 8 actually test. The instructor needs to contact the office when people drop out of class or are not eligible to test for one reason or the other, so that the state is not incurring the expense of shipping. Example of the expense, 1 Firefighter ½ tests

shipped 45 miles away, cost \$32.00 round trip to ship. When we ship 18 books that did not need to be shipped, this becomes a huge drain on resources for the state.

B. Old business:

Jeff Hayes; speaking on the 17 year old individuals taking the written/practical testing.

As of June 2, Jeff is no longer affiliated with J. Everett Light, and the program is no longer in affect at that facility.

Career centers are covered under OSHA because they are a training institution and DOE oversees the training. This allows the students to use chain saws, live fire, etc that are required to complete the practical skills for firefighting. This is also a benefit to the volunteer service because a lot of time the Career Centers weed out the individuals that find that firefighting is not what they want. This stops the volunteer depts. for spending the money and time to train an individual and at the end of that training, the students decides that this is not what they want to do for a living. Career Centers do follow the requirements for skills, because they either have the props to do everything, or they are affiliated with Fire Dept. and are allowed to do skills on those grounds. According to DOE requirements, the instructor (required to be affiliated with the training center) must be on seen at the time the skills are being completed.

2014 statistics:

63% of students that completed the fire training were juniors and now in the senior year they are in the EMT classes. They are not affiliated with a FD at this time, they are still in school

55% that graduated go on to college with their certification credits

25% that graduated go into the military with their certification credits

Jeff is now at Ivy Tech Kokomo, and he is starting up the brand new program for firefighting. He needs any props any one has to offer. Right now they have nothing; this program is starting from the ground up. If you can help, contact Jeff at jelfire@aol.com or 765-459-0561 x 746.

C. Rob Lund made a motion to approve May minutes as submitted, Eric Gentry seconded. Motion passed.

D Variance requests;

1. Claudia Nichols is requesting a variance for Instructor I. She is a current PI, and has been a firefighter 2007 and is currently affiliated with Ohio Twp VFD.

Staff recommends approval pending the Instructor reciprocity test.

Chris Johnson made a motion to approve. Burke Jones seconded. Motion passed.

2. Joshua Wickert is requesting variance for Instructor I. He currently holds a valid PI and has been in the fire service for about 10 years. He would like to be able to teach fire classes to benefit his community.

Staff recommends approval pending the Instructor reciprocity test.

Burke Jones made a motion to approve. Rob Lund seconded. Motion passed.

E Joe Romero, Director of Training report;

All Hazard Management classes will be up and running by the end of the year. For all that have already taken this and not received certification, they should be issued by the end of August.

F. John Buckman, fire training report;

Thank Kevin Elmore, Randy Gulley, Rodney Johnson and Matt Mitchell for validating the Inspector I/II test banks and skills. New tests have been created and are now available.

Thank Mike Blann, Tobias Frost and Ryan Altman for validating the Structural Collapse test bank and skills. At this time, they are in the validation process and this is scheduled to be completed by July 15th.

Thank Dale Saucier and White River Twp for validating Trench rescue. These will be completed by July 15th.

The Instructor 7th edition is no longer available for purchase. We have a committee validating to the 8th edition at this time.

Dave Probo spoke about the new Fire Engineering book/test. His report is attached to the agenda. One of the issues was that Fire Engineering tests will start on July 1st. We will keep the IFSTA test on the shelf for a while in order for those classes to be completed. Jeff Hayes spoke up: When all of this started, we were told that we would be given a notice so that the schools could order the books. We did not hear a date, and most career centers ordered the IFSTA 6th edition. Dave Probo stated that would keep the IFSTA test live until July 1, 2015.

G. Meeting adjourned at 10am

NEXT MEETING:

June 21, 2014 9am

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